

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, CONCERN- ning the Cessation of Warre, be- tweene the Arch-duke and the States of the United Provinces.

Procured by a Fryar, called *John of Ney*,
Confessor to the Arch-duke
and the *Infanta*.

Wherunto is annexed the State of other things
happened about the same time.

With Warres Testament, or his last Will, made at
his departure out of the said Netherlauds.

Translated out of the Dutch.



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THE COUNCIL OF ARCS-DEPESCHES

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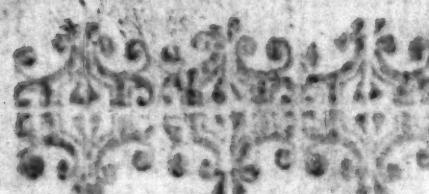
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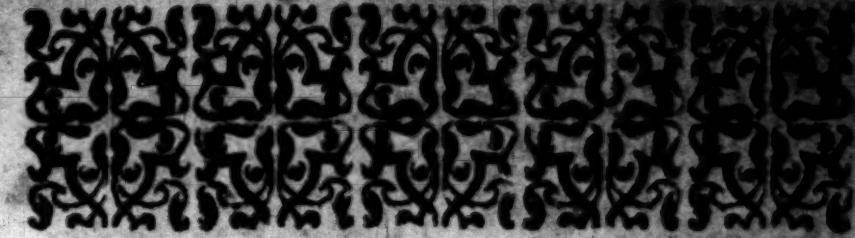
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Newes to the Reader, or to whom the
Buyer desires to send
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SVch is the time, that when friends congratu-
late, the second word is what's the newes?
So likewise, when our urgent occasions re-
quire conference by letters, yet wee expect with
those letters, what Newes; if we come from the
Court, what Newes; if we come from the Coun-
trie, what newes: So from whence soever wee
come or goe, what Newes. Therefore for them
that desire newes, especially to you, I present these
Netherland accurrents, lately come to my handes
from a worthy friend out of Holland, this 18. of
June. 1607.

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Articles of Agreement concerning
the Cessation of warre, betweene the
Arch-duke and the States of the
United Provinces,



OU haue heard
howe a Fryar,
the Confessor
to the Infanta,
hath brought
about a Cessa-
tion of Armes
for 8. moneths,
to the end that
in that 8. mo-
neths , these States might acquaint their
best friendes, and counsell themselves, whe-
ther they will make a peace or no, vpon rea-
sonable termes ; in which it is propounded
beforhand , that the Arch-duke shall dis-
claimie from all interest in them, and pre-
tence

Articles concerning

tence over these Provinces united, that they shall, as a free State, treat, and hold all that they now doe, except by consent, some towne or place may be changed, for the accomodating of the Arch-duke or this State; and that the King of Spaine shall, within the terme of three moneths, send to the States his agreement to and of the same Acte.

Now vpon this, there hath beeene question moued; first concerning the word *Invasion*, then for the calling home of the Fleet: and what hath beeene done in that, I send you herewith; and the present state of things here.

Touching the interpretation of that word, it is thus concluded; that during the Cessation, their Provinces, Territories, and other particular possessions on eyther side, as well by water as land, shal be free from all invasion, and all manner of hostilitie, by Armie, troope, or partie.

That in the neutrall Countries adioyning, no actions of hostilitie shall be vsed against the inhabitants, passengers, & others being no soldiers, nor against horses, drayours of horses, or those men which shal draw shippes

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shippes and boates , on both sides the
rivers.

That all actions to the contrary, shall of
all sides bee hindered , punished and repair-
red : with this prouiso, that it must be under-
stood, that such offences committed against
the Contract, tend not to the violation or
breaking of the Cessation, vntesse they bee
done by the order and appointment of the
King of Spaine or the Arch-duke on the
one side , or the States on the other.

That all souldiers by land and water,
horse and foot (out of the townes or fortres
where they serue) as also all others , hauing
no pasport or residing vnder safegard , all
vntree goods , and the persons and goods
which shall be transported from one side to
the other, without pasport and licence , are
excepted out of those limits , and remaine
subiect to the order and rigour of the
warre.

That the Contribution on either side
(during the Cessation) shalbe raised & exe-
cuted, as they were at the day of the con-
clusion of Cessation, (namely the 12. of A-
prill last) without enhancement, and at the
perill of those that shall execute the same.

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the straights. The States shippes resolved with order and courage, to attempt the Spanish, as they lay in the Road, vnder the shot of the Towne and Castell. The Admirall with another good shippe, commanded by Captaine Lambrecht, boarded the Spanish Admirall with full sayle, and beat her so violently with ordinance and musket, that in a short space she lost her Generall, with almost 300. men, being a ship of 400. last or burthen, manned with 500. and carrying 21. great brasse peeces.

After fife houres fight, the States had the victorie, but with danger: for fire happening in the Spanish Viceadmirall, when she was grappled, the States shippes had much adoe to saue themselves from burning. The Spanish Admirall with some others ran aground, suffered the fire to lay hold on them, and increased it, to preuent the States profit by taking them. The next day examining the successse, they left (of the 21. shippes which they found in the Bay at their arival) but two Gallions, one French ship, and a small pinnace, all which were so grounded, that they could neither take nor burne them.

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Three Marchants besides, comprehended in the 21. committed themselves to the States Acre. So that the Spaniard lost seuen great Gallions, and sixe or seven other good shippes besides. The States lost their Admirall with the first shot from the Spanish Admirall; and among others, one captaine *Laughen Heyndricke* of Amsterdam, and captaine *Lambrecbiss sonne*.

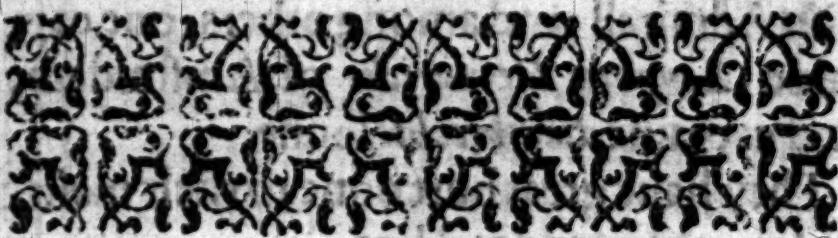
They haue great hurt done to their mafts, sayles, cables, and tacklins.

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I Must further let you know, that certaine shippes of these Countries, of the Company that trades to the East Indies, haue taken a very rich Carracke, which they haue lightned of her most pretious and rich lading, and laden it into their owne shippes, of which, one is come into Amsterdam, and the other into Zeland, and the Carracke, into which they haue put their Spices, is comming also.

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T He French Ambassadours are gone a progresse into North Holland, attending the enlarging of their Commission.

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The most of these people conceive and feare, that the king of Spaine wil never send the Agreacion, vpon which most depends. June 16. 1607. From the Haghe.



Later Newes.

Here are letters come from Bre-
dä, that 2000 Spaniards are en-
tered a backe way into the Castle
of Antwerpe, haue turned the
Artillerie vpon the Towne, and doe make
warre with the Citizens. This is beleevued
at the Haghe: but I will not report it for
truelth, vntil the first be seconded. Farewel.
From the Haghe, June 16. 1607.

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WARRES TESTAMENT,

now ready to dye, after so long continu-

ance in the Netherlands.

THe sicknesse great that doth oppresse my hart,
And cause each veine & pulse to pant & beat,
As signes that soule and body must depart,
Do shew, that spight my heart, I cannot let
The houre ta'pproch which fatal death hath sign'd;
For all things must returne vnto their kind.

And sith'tis so, I then am fully bent,
Before I part, for to declare my Will,
And make my last and facall Testament,
And to each one, great, little, good, or ill,
Bequeath my goods, and all that I possesse,
And teach all those that Martiall Art professe;

How to devise the Warres for to increase,
And make them worse and greater then before,
And find the meanes that they shall never ceale,
And that each countrie people, rich and poore,
May feele the edge of my devouring blade,
Which in the world such slaughter great hath made.

For though I die, and Netherlands forsake,
Yet must you thinke, that I mine heires do leave,
That will not fayle in ought my part to take,
And Countries farre and neere of peace bereue,
And make my fame, when I am dead and rotten,
Still to increase, and never be forgotten.

Warres Will and Testament.

1. First I bequeath vnto the Potestate,
That many men hath brought vnto their end,
By my contentious bloudy mind and hate,
Great store of goods and lands, his state to mend,
And though he serued me with great desire,
And rather sought for wealth, then warre require,

And happily full many dangers past:
Yet let him know, what euer he hath woon,
That from it all he must depart at last,
When he his fatall course on earth hath runne;
And therefore counsell him for to beware,
And of his life to haue a better care.

2. To Tyrants great, to whom their law is will,
Who by my means much wrong & hurt haue done
By false pretence of warre, and sought to kill
Both man and child, and many Countries woom
By fire and sword, consuming townes and towers,
And wrongfully destroyed pleasant Bowers,

I doe bequeath Kains curse and banishment,
And though their fame b'extold vnto the aire,
Yet shall their hearts and minds be discontente,
And filled with confusion and despaire,
And at the last with woe and miserie,
Their bodies shall with lice consumed be.

3. To those that haue bin valiant, stout and bold,
To aduenture life and limme for to defend
Their Countries cause, and it from dangers a hold,
And haue continued true vnto the end,
Offered no wrong, nor vsed villanie,
But with their pay themselves did satisfie,

Warres Will and Testament.

I cannot chuse but wish them well in heart,
And praise and honor leauue them for their meed,
And when that they out of this world shall part,
Desire of God to helpe them in their need,
And giue them constant faith for to persyster,
In godly life to liue with him for euer.

4. To Spirituall men, that are of carefull mind,
To preach and teach, I cannot leauue them much,
And they do know, and well by proofe do find,
Their Cloisters spoild, whereat they seeme to grutch,
Their Churches burnt, their liuing ta'ne aways,
And which is more, where they haue seen the day,

That all their Sellers stored were with drinke,
Their Barnes full, their Kirchins fraught with meat,
And all things els what euer heart could thinke,
Were in their Houses found, now nought to get,
And they poore Priests & Couents without land,
To other mens reverns forc't to stand.

5. Vnto the Townes in Netherlands so great,
I do bequeath and leauue a great Excise,
And many Impositions that are set
Vpon them, though they rather would devise
The meanes to liue in peace and quiet state,
And thinke themselues to be most fortunate.

Meane time they must behold their rased walles,
Their Towers cast downe, vncouered and defac't,
Their Houses burnt, their Palaces and Halles
Even with the ground; for what can euer last,
But maste of force consume and cke decay?
For in this world there is no certaine stay.

Warres Will and Testamente.

6. Vnto the cuntrie Village and the Towne,
I do bequeath a delolate estate,
And vncouth sight of Castles, broken downe,
And houses spoylde, which warre vnsfortunate
Hath causide and made full many a man to bee
Amazed sore such wofull sights to see:

I leaue them Sluces fallne vnto decay,
Great store of lame and miserable folke,
Murthers committed 'mongst them night and day,
Women deflowerde, and men brought vnder yoke
Of euery rauening freebooter and slauce,
To take from them what euer that they haue.

7. To those that by dissencion and by strife,
Deceit and subtilitie haue gotten wealth,
And all the dayes of their vnhappy life,
Haue liu'd by cousinage, and by secret stealth,
Gathering great store of riches and of good,
And never crafe to sucke the poore mans blood,

And Vsurers, and such as live by gaine,
And sweate of others browes, and haue no care,
But onely how to get, and to attaine
To speedy wealth, to them I will not spare
To tell them, that all gayne by them so got,
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8. You Clarks that liued by my warlike bands,
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I doubt, if that I once be dead and rotten,
You will be glad to worke and take some paine,
And thinke a penny that way sweetly gotten,
Though now by idlenesse you make your gaine:
Remember what I say, and pray that I
May liue, and make you rich before I die.

9. You Oftes, that wonted were to lodge my train,
And did prepare them meat and drinke with speed,
At such excessive rates, and monstrous gaine,
As't pleased you, respecting not their need,
And so did fill your coffers and your bags,
And made the Souldiers go in torne rags,

I you bequeath a beggerly estate,
And to be payd by gentle words and blowes,
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Be glad to ebbe and flow as time falleth out,
And many times be forst to play bankerout.

10. To Armorers and Spurriers by their Art,
Gunpowder men, and Saddlers that do liue
By me and mine, and get the greatest part
Of all their wealth, a Legacie Ile giue,
Which after my decease with present speed,
Shall be payd them at the castle of Saint Neots

Although I know they haue great store of wealth,
Whiche easily into their cofers came,
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11. You Millers, that haue vsed corne to grinde,
For Souldiers bread, and chang'd it for your gaine,
And in the same so sweet deceit did find,
That vnto wealth thereby you did attaine,
And though you thinke it to be gotten well,
I doubt that you must answeire it in hell,

I wish you therefore, lying in this case,
Ready to die, for to repent that's past,
And though you beare it out a little space,
And liue in pleasure, know it will not last,
And do not seeke against the stremie to striue,
For stolen goods (men say) will neuer thriue.

12. Now Bakers, hearken what to you I say,
I must not leau you out of this my Will,
I tell you plaine, you haue not ta'ne the way
To deale vrightly, but by subtill skill,
Haue made your bisket & your bread so small,
That all the Souldiers out vpon you call.

For this, I you bequeath a Beggers end,
For thriue you cannot by such hatefull gayne:
And sure, vnlesse this wickednesse you mend,
You must expect, and so I tell you playne,
Eyther to begge your bread before you die,
Or els be one of Bankerupts company.

13. The Brewer, that no knauery hath mist,
To make his Beere small and all too thin,
Yet couerd it with some good store of yet,
And so great gayne by Beere bad did win,
This Legacie to him I do bequeath,
That he shall be a knave while he doth breathie.

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And let him change his course, and now begin
To learne an occupation gainst his need,
And teach his men to sew, and maides to spin:
For, if I chance to die, as 'tis decreed,
I am in doubt he'le sit with sober cheere,
And glad himselfe to drinke the smalleſt beere.

14. You tippling ſlauſes, that vſe to attend on me,
And fill my hungry belly in my need,
Pray, you were beſt, for my proſperitie,
For 'tis my purſe, wherewith your ſelues you feed:
For if I die, looke you to paſſe away,
For here will be no place for you to ſtay.

To whom will you then ſell your ſtincking fish,
Your ſowre beere, your browne and mouldy bread?
I do beleue, you oftentimes will wiſh,
That e're I die, you would your ſelues be dead:
For well you know, of needy ſlauſes and bare,
My onely meaneſnes makes you the men you are.

15. Full many Souldiers, old and new likewiſe,
Whiſh are to haue a Legacie of me,
I them bequeath a meale in ſouldierwiſe,
That's hungry fare, and yet a glad man he is
And yet they ſhall diſcharged be of pay,
Wherewith they muſt be pleaſde & go their way..

And then they ſhall be ſcene to walke the ſtreect,
Without an arme, a leg, or els a hand,
And forced be of euery one they meet,
To beg and craue, and in the high-way ſtand,
To take a purſe, and ſo perhaſe may end
Their wofull life, from which God them defend.

Warres Will and Testament.

16. Your Horsemens boyes, Dead paies, & Billes
All call & cry to me for some reliefe: (men,
For by my meanes they liu'd and knew both when
And where to get their meat: but now with griefe:
They must go seeke to make some other shife,
Or els go steale to helpe them at a lift.

The house of seldome full must be their Inne,
And if they leaue not off their villany,
The gallie, gallowes, prison or some ginne
Will be their last reward for knauerie:
Therefore beware in time, and learne to thriue,
And seeke some honest meanes for you to liue.

17. You fitchy shameles Drabs, that long haue thri-
Vnder the guard of my most warlike traine, (wen
And by your beastly liues, haue forst and driuen
Full many a man to liue in griefe and paine,
And in the end, when all from him had gotten,
Haue sil'd him with disease to make him rotten,

Conuerte in time, ere that it be too late,
Take better course, and now liue honestly,
And call for grace, while you are in the state
To get the same, lest graceleſſe you should dye:
And follow Mary Magdalena this,
Mercy to craue, confesing your amisse.

18. Lastly vnto the Hangman I bequeath
An hundred paire of breeches that be old,
Well fil'd with lice, aboue and eke beneath,
For that ere it be long, you shall behold
Great store of theues, alongt the high way stand
To aske your almes with weapons in their hands:

And

Warres, & man's calamities.

And rather then they will denyed be,
They'le be so bold to venture (by your leue)
To put you to the worst extremite,
And take your purse by force out of your sleeve;
But for reward, I will them plainly shew,
That to the gallowes they are sure to goe.

Now all at once thanke me for my good will,
And euery man in severall wise apart.
My course is runne, I must Gods bests fulfill,
For I am sicke, euen at the very heart,
I fall to ground, like to the Cripple lame,
And must returne to place from whence I came;

Watch now and pray, attend me but a while,
And I'le bid you adiew, for I must die.
When I am dead, yet do me not revile:
For though that I haue cau'd much miserie,
I'le pray to God, and while I liue, not cease,
To send to you along and happy peace.

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